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United States Department of Agriculture,

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY.

NOTICE OF JUDGMENT NO. 2591.

(Given pursuant to section 4 of the Food and Drugs Act.)

U. S. v. Alexander C. Castriotis and Sofocles Vocos. Plea of guilty. Sentence suspended.

MISBRANDING OF CANDY.

On March 7, 1913, the United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the District Court of the United States for said district an information against Alexander C. Castriotis and Sofocles Vocos, doing business under the name and style of Syra Lukum Co., New York, N. Y., alleging shipment by said defendants, in violation of the Food and Drugs Act, on February 5, 1912, from the State of New York into the State of Massachusetts of a quantity of candy which was misbranded. The product was labeled, partly in the Greek language and as follows in English and French: "The Syra Lukum Co. Syra-Lukum, New York" (On other side) "Avis Pour eviter les falsificateurs cher cher sur les boites ma signature. The Syra Lukum Company." (On end) "Marque de Fabrique."

Examination of a sample of the product by the Bureau of Chemistry of this Department showed the following results: Moisture (in vacuo at 100° C.), 13.89 per cent; sucrose (Clerget), 35.65 per cent; reducing sugars as invert (direct), 40.83 per cent; polarization direct at 20° C., +28.6; polarization invert at 20° C., -18.7; polarization invert at 87° C., ±0.0; ash, 0.03 per cent; starch, 4.22 per cent; protein, none; undetermined, 5.38 per cent; salicylic, benzoic, and boric acids, negative; formaldehyde, negative; no artificial color detected; powdered sugar (sucrose) used for a dusting powder on the product. Candies also contain a small amount of cracked almonds, which were separated before making above analysis. Misbranding of the product was alleged in the information for the reason that it purported to be a foreign product when it was not so, but was a product made in the United States.

On April 8 and 9, 1913, the defendants entered pleas of guilty to the information and the court suspended sentence.

B. T. GALLOWAY,
Acting Secretary of Agriculture.

